

Remarks

Claims 2-23 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 18, and 23 were rejected. Claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12-17, and 19-22 were objected to. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 17, and 18 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, and 23 are amended. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, 15, 16, and 19-23 are now pending. Claims 3, 4, and 6 are the independent claims. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 18, and 23 as being unpatentable over Crawford, in view of Adams et al. The examiner also objected to claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12-17, and 19-22 as depending from a rejected base claim, but acknowledged that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 17, and 18 are canceled.

Claim 3 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 2, which is canceled. Claims 10, 12, 15, and 19 depend from claim 3. Claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 3. The objection to claims 3, 8, 10, 12, 15, and 19, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claim 4 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 2, which is canceled. Claims 13, 16, and 20 depend from claim 4. Claim 23 is amended to depend from claim 4. The objection to claims 4, 13, 16, 20, and 23, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claim 6 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 2, which is canceled. Claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 6. Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 6. The objection to claims 11, 21, and 22, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that all objections and rejections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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